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of Orkney, Shetland, and the North of Scotland," and to print the results of such studies. The contents of the first two numbers of the "Miscellany" include articles on: Two Jacobean Sonnets Written in Orkney (J. S. Clouston), Dividing Seaweed 100 Years Ago (J. T. Smith Leask), Some Old-time Shetlandic Wrecks (R. S. Bruce), An Arcadian Battle, a Hundred Years Ago (J. T. Smith Leask), The Authorship of Orneyinga Saga (J. Stefánsson), A Legend of Shetland from Fljótsdaela Saga. I (W. G. Collingwood). The Orkney and Shetland records include: Extracts from Adam of Bremen referring to the Earliest Bishops of Orkney, and other later documents of similar import and of an ecclesiastical nature; Orkney and Shetland Sasines, 1623-24. The President of the Viking Club is W. G. Collingwood, M. A., F. S. A., the Honorary President Dr. Hans Hildebrand, Antiquary Royal of Sweden. It appears that Canada has one Orkney and Shetland Society, at Toronto; the United States three, at Buffalo, Chicago, and Portland, Oregon.

CULTURA ESPAÑOLA.—In 1906 was begun in Madrid the publication of *Cultura Española*, a journal devoted to history, literature, philology, fine arts, philosophy, international questions, pedagogy, etc., and having among its editors and contributors some of the most distinguished Spanish men of letters and science, artists, etc. Americanist studies, folk-lore, etc., are properly represented in the programme of the new periodical. Among the articles in the first number is one by Menéndez Pidal on "Los Romances Tradicionales en América;" in the third number a valuable folk-lore contribution by M. Jules Humbert on "El Arbol de la Vida en Orinoco,"—treating of the *moriche* palm among the Indians (Tamanacos, etc.) of the Orinoco.

OWING to an error, the statement was omitted that the Tlingit myths published in the last number of the Journal are translations from the work of Veniaminov, "Description of the Unalashka Group of Islands," vol. iii, pp. 36-55.

LOCAL MEETINGS.

MISSOURI BRANCH.

THE Missouri Folk-Lore Society held its second annual meeting at Washington University, St. Louis, February 8, 1908. Papers were read as follows:—

1. "Current Superstitions," Miss Mary A. Owen, St. Joseph.
2. "Survivals of old German Marriage-Customs among the Low Germans of West Missouri," Dr. William G. Bek, Columbia.
3. "The Creation Myth from Calabar," Mrs. A. C. Woods, St. Louis.
4. "Yiddish Folk Stories and Songs in St. Louis." Miss Leah R. Yoffie, St. Louis.
5. "Folk-Lore of the Kaw or Kansas Indians," Rev. J. Spencer, Slater.

The Society passed memorial resolutions upon the death of Mr. Newell, which occurred just after its first meeting, and of Miss Dalton, Librarian of the Missouri Historical Society, and first treasurer of the Missouri Folk-Lore Society, which occurred June 13, 1907.

Officers for 1908 were elected as follows:—